

BOARD OF McPHERSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA
August 14, 2023

Meetings held on the 1st floor in the Commission Meeting Room at County Building, 122 W. Marlin

9:00 a.m. The following items will be discussed as time permits -

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes
- C. Approval of Checks and Claims & Payroll
- D. Approval of Adds and Abates
- E. Personnel
- F. KCAMP Board of Trustees Nomination
- G. General Correspondence

9:00 a.m. Public Input

9:05 a.m. Captain Blevins, Corrections -

Repairs to generator

9:10 a.m. 2024 County Budget Hearing -

9:30 a.m. Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Mgmt/Comm -

- A. Non-elected Personnel
- B. Request for out of state travel and training

9:35 a.m. Tom Kramer, Public Works Director -

Approval of reinforced concrete pipe purchase

10:00 a.m. Work Sessions:

- A. County Building
- B. LEC Building Tour
- C. Public Works @ Public Works Office

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Regular Meeting

9:00 a.m.

All Present

Work Session: 9:45 a.m. - County Building

Facility Tour: 11:30 a.m. - Law Enforcement Center (LEC)

Work Session: 12:30 p.m. - Public Works

Chairman Becker opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the agenda for August 14, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:03 a.m., during Public Input, Sheriff Montagne reported on weekly arrests, current jail counts, and department activities.

At 9:02 a.m., Captain Blevins joined the meeting to request approval for repairs to the LEC generator. Following discussion, it was a consensus among the Commissioners to table the item for a future meeting to obtain quotes regarding the cost of a replacement generator.

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for July 31, 2023 as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the minutes for August 7, 2023 as presented. Chairman Becker seconded. **Chairman Becker and Commissioner O'Dell voted aye. Commissioner Kueser abstained due to his absence and the August 7, 2023 meeting.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve a payment to the State Treasurer's Office for unclaimed funds. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:15 a.m., a Public Hearing was held to approve the 2024 County Budget. Rick Witte, County Administrator/Financial Manager reviewed the budget and reported that McPherson County did not exceed the revenue neutral rate. Three (3) County Fire Districts exceeded the revenue neutral rate. Mr. Witte then summarized comparisons to the previous year: the assessed valuation increased \$12,092,074 (2.4%) to \$525,685,965; and the mill levy decreased approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill (2.3%) to 29.628. The 2024 total budget expenditures amount to \$ 30,640,439, and the amount of 2023 tax to be levied amounts to \$15,575,272. Following discussion, Commissioner Kueser made a motion to adopt the 2024 Budget and to sign all related documents as presented. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Following the Public Hearing, at 9:33 a.m., Julie McClure, Director of Emergency Management/Communications joined the meeting with two (2) items:

- A. A request to approve a Personnel Change Notice (PCN) to hire Hannah Trimble as a Communications Tech (13A), effective August 21, 2023, to fill a vacancy. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion for the Chairman to sign the PCN as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**
- B. A travel allowance request to cover conference, transportation, and related expenses for Tiannah McGill, Communications Tech, to attend an in-person course out of state. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the estimated expenses, which total \$1,653.00, as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

At 9:35 a.m. the new Chief Deputy District Attorney for the County Attorney's Office, Tyler Fix, was introduced, and welcomed by Commissioners.

At 9:40 a.m., Tom Kramer, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to request approval of a quote for concrete pipe on Navajo Rd. 0.5 miles east of 9th Avenue. Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to approve the quote from McPherson Concrete Companies for a total amount of \$4,017.40. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.**

Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to nominate Chairman Keith Becker for a position on the KCAMP Board of Trustees and for the Vice Chairman to sign the Nomination form as presented. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **Commissioners O'Dell and Kueser voted aye. Chairman Becker abstained.**

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. for a work session regarding the County Building. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 11:15 a.m., Commissioner Kueser made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the LEC for a facility tour. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.** At 12:15 p.m., Commissioner O'Dell made a motion to recess and directly reconvene at the Public Works Department for a work session. Commissioner Kueser seconded. **All voted aye.** At 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Kueser voted to adjourn. Commissioner O'Dell seconded. **All voted aye.**

Minutes prepared by Abbey Heidebrecht



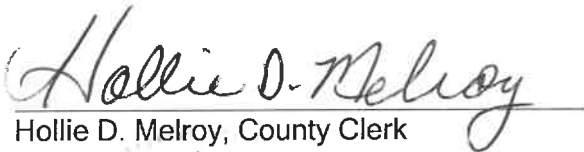
Keith Becker, Chairman



David O'Dell, Vice Chairman



Thomas L. Kueser, Commissioner



Hollie D. Melroy, County Clerk

